

## **San Diego Regional Chamber of Commerce Charter Review Task Force Recommendations**

### **SUMMARY**

At the direction of Chamber Chair Robert Horsman, a Charter Review Task Force (CRTF) was established this year and charged with following up on the work of the Chamber's Working Group on Strong Mayor Transition (2005). More specifically, the CRTF was tasked with identifying key governance issues in the amended Charter that demanded urgent attention.

After considering a number of critical issues, and with consideration to the various deadlines for qualifying Charter amendments on future ballots, the CRTF determined it was in the business community's interest to both address the immediate deficiencies in the current Charter and to recommend a more comprehensive overhaul of our City's most important governing document.

### **CRTF RECOMMENDATIONS:**

1. Work with the Mayor's recently appointed City Charter Committee and propose the following specific issues be placed on the June 2008 ballot:

- Deletion of the 2010 sunset of the current Charter provisions relating to the office of the Mayor.
- To address issues of representation and veto overrides, expand the size to nine separate city council districts.
- Change the veto override provision to 2/3
- Separate the Auditor and Comptroller functions and make the Auditor General an independent office not under the control of the Mayor
- Creation of an independent Audit Committee

2. In addition to addressing these immediate issues on the June 2008 ballot, CRTF recommends that the City undertake comprehensive charter review with a goal of placing an overhaul proposal before the electorate in November of 2010, either through a continuation of the Mayor's Charter Committee or the establishment of a new committee.

3. CRTF remains as an ongoing committee with the goal of protecting the interests of the business community throughout the charter review process.